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Eagle Scout Completes Evergreen Community Center Garden

Ribbon Cutting at the Evergreen Community Center to Celebrate Project's Completion

San José, CA— San José Councilmember Rose Herrera is pleased to announce a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, August 13, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. to celebrate the completion of the new community garden at the Evergreen Community Center, located at 4860 San Felipe Road, San José, CA 95135. A true partnership, the project was supported and funded by Councilmember Rose Herrera, managed by the City of San José's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services staff and completed by District 8 resident, Abhijit Puranam, from Boy Scout Troop 264.

Abhijit Puranam spent several months fulfilling the requirements to earn his rank of Eagle Scout by constructing a community garden for the center, with the help of his fellow Boy Scout troop volunteers. The fresh vegetables planted include cilantro, parsley, tomatoes, radishes, bell peppers, green beans and yellow squash. The fresh produce will help support the Senior Nutrition Program that serves approximately ninety meals Monday through Friday to seniors at the Evergreen Community Center.

"The garden at the Evergreen Community Center is an investment in the community and the future of the Senior Nutrition Program," said District 8 Councilmember Rose Herrera. "I'm thrilled to support bringing a community garden to the Evergreen Community Center that will provide fresh produce to add to Senior Nutrition Program meals and have the opportunity to help a young resident of District 8 receive his Eagle Scout rank - the highest honor achievable in Boy Scouts."

In order to continue the maintenance of the community garden, the President of the Senior Advisory Council at the Evergreen Community Center, Phil Henderson, has helped organize a group of volunteers from the center to launch a Garden Club.

In addition to Councilmember Herrera's donation to fund this project, many local business provided generous discounts on supplies needed to construct the community garden, such as Steel Fence Supply, Lowe's of San José, Zanker Recycling and Yamagami's Nursery.

Event: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

When: Saturday, August 13, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

Where: Evergreen Community Center, 4860 San Felipe Road, San José, CA 95135